Task Force for Mass Transit System in Delhi

2117. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present public transport system is unable to cope with the growing needs of the city population and the Delhi Administration has set up Task Force for Mass Transit System in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the said system and how it is likely to be useful to the increasing population in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Task Force has been set up by my Ministry and not by Delhi Administration.

(b) The report of the Task Force is awaited.

Prices of agricultural produce

2118. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of agricultural produce received by farmers are remunerative and based upon cost of production; and

(b) if not, what steps Government propose to take so that the farmers get remunerative prices based on cost of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) It is the declared policy of the Government to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce. The Government decide on the support price for various argicultural commodities taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), the views of the State Governments and the Central Ministries. The CACP while formulating its recommendations takes into account a number of factors including the cost of production of the concerned commodity. Besides the annuncement of procurement/support prices for major agricultural commodities, the Government organise purchase operations through public and cooperative agencies.

Renting out of Government houses

2119. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the flourishing racket of renting out Government houses in various areas of Delhi at a premium in connivance with the CPWD staff and that some of the houses rented out have been made vice dens;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any survey to know the number of Government houses rented out illegally in various localities in the city;

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government against those who are involved in the illegal renting out of Government houses as also against the CPWD staff identified in the racket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Allotment of flats by DDA

2120. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority had collected the due instalments of payments from the prospective buyers of D.D.A. flats of various types, but the allottees were not provided with the promised flats and in fact the construction of the same is yet to be taken up; and

(b) what are the reasons for such undue delay in the construction of the same and the number of people who have paid the instalments but have not been allotted the flats, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) In certain cases where instalments were paid by the allocatees. they could not be given flats in those areas because construction of flats could not be started on account of land dispute. However, in all such cases alternative allotment of the same category of flats is made.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Future of Haldia Fertilizer Project

2121.SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Haldia Fertilizer Project was mechanically completed in 1979;

(b) if so, the reasons for not commissioning the project so far;

(c) whether National Advisory Council on Project implementation has visited the project;

(d) if so, the details of their recommendations; and

(e) the decision of the Central Government regarding future of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) The Project could not be commissioned. firstly, because of the non-availability of the required quantum of power from West Bengal State Electrictiy Board and, later, due to frequent break down of equipments during commissioning.

(c) Some members of the Advisory Council on Project implementation visited the Project.

(d) Government has not received the report of the Advisory Council.

(e) It has been decided to undertake an end to end survey of the Project in the first instance.

Shortage of high yielding variety of seeds

2122. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 28.12.86 to the effect that adequate quantity and timely supply of healthy seeds were the biggest problems confronting the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to improve the matters?